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HAPPY St. Pat's DAY!

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LITERARY TALENT WINNERS!

Winners in the Good Times Literary Talent show were Denise Noble, Syndy Bessey, Tom Smith, and Linda Krajewski. Thanks goes to all who entered and special thanks to Mrs. Pfister for aiding in the judging. We're lucky to have so many budding authors and poets.

ROCK 'N ROLL - HERE APRIL 9

Rock and Roll, the spring musical, will be seen on stage at the Middle School April 9. The play is a 50's musical. The leads in the play are Steve LaRue, playing Corndoggie, Ruth Lantz, playing Betsy Lou, Tom Smith playing Manfred, and Joel Pyard playing Duffy.

The orchestra will be directed by Mr. D'Arcangelis, the singing is under the direction of Mrs. Howard, and Ms. Lundquist is the director of the play.

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BAND WINS SECOND PLACE!

The Paw Paw Middle School 8th grade band went to Festival on March 6, 1976 at Coloma, Michigan. They left from the Middle School at 7:40 a.m. and were back by 11:30 a.m.

The three songs they played and got a II division on were "March Prelude," "Suite in Minor Mode," and "Three Songs of Colonial America." Special thanks to Mr. D'Arcangelis from the band for being such a good band director.

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ARIES - HOROSCOPE

Aries are born between March 21 and April 20. Their lucky numbers are 7 and 9. Their color is white. The symbol is a ram. Mars is the ruling planet of Aries, giving them a war-like or aggressive nature. Tuesday is their lucky day.

Aries get along well with Aquarius, Libra, Leo and Sagittarius. Aries people tend to be leaders and have a dramatic tendency; they are often actors or musicians.

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The leads of "Rock'n Roll" rehease music.
photo by DN

HEWITT JUDGES BAND HERE MARCH 6

The Paw Paw Middle School 8th grade band had a dress rehearsal on March 2, 1976 for the District Festival on the following Saturday, March 6, 1976. The band members arrived promptly at 7:00 and played the three songs they would be playing at Festival

Mr. James Hewitt, from Otsego High School, acted as a judge. He pointed out the mistakes they were making and helped them correct them.

The band also underwent a little sight-reading practice. This was also in preparation for Festival. Sight-reading tests involve two different songs placed in front of the band which they have never seen before and asking them to play it. After lookir over the music for 7 minutes , they played with ease.

These same Festival songs were played in a concert March 9 by the band along with the High School Band.

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SYNDY TAKES FIRST PRIZE

Syndy Bessey placed first in the 2nd Annual Talent Show March 3rd in the Middle School auditorium. Second place went to Patty Thayer and Suzy Zdzinicki. Third place was won by Laurie Hendrickson. The award for Entertainer(s) of the Year went to Mark Hoger and Scott Warren. Congratulations to them and to all the talented contestants.

WAPAW WORK COMPLETED

Your 1976 yearbook is completed and is on its way to be printed. The staffers of this year's Wapaw worked very hard through December, January, and February to complete thebook on time.

We would like to thank Mrs. Taylor for all her typing, Mr. Pefley for photography, Ms. Lundquist for working with the artists, and all the staffers. They inculde Katharina Kleinshcmidt, Lori Kendall, Chris Clement, Linda Krajewski, Flop and Kim Barker, April Bryan, Sheila Burns, Mike Beebe, Mike Kunow, Jeff Fadel, Tal Bentley, Dave Rivette, Dan Lammers, Scott Warren, Mark Hoger, Kyle Caldwell, Shawn Thompson, Jim Charles, Cindy Parrish Vince Rogers, Keven Maris, Melissa Barnes, Cheryl Crouse, and Peggy Burchard.

Ms. Chamberlin and Ms. Ruggles

ST. PAT's DAY -BEGORRAH

Today is St. Patrick's Day. So who was St. Patrick? (Say that with a Horshack -tone of voice.)

Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. His name is on cathedrals and colleges. Many legends are told about him. One is that in teaching about Christianity, he used the shamrock to represent the trinity. Another legend talks about him driving all the snakes from Ireland.

SB & LB

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

We have a new teacher at the Middle School. Her name is Ms. Buehler. Judy N ondorf and Kim Barker interviewed her.

Name: Ms. Vicki Buehler
Age: 23
Hometown: Flushing, MI
Astrological sign: Scorpio
Favorite Color: Yellow
Favorite Food: Lobster
Favorite Animal: Cats , of all sizes
Favorite Flower: Daisies
Favorite Sport: tennis
College Degree: Bachelor of Science in Education
Favorite Weather: Warm and sunny(sun tan weather)
Hobbies: plays the oboe,alto and soprano recorders, growing plants, camping attempting to play tennis and canoeing
College: Central Michigan University

Poetry Winners - Syndy & Denise

HOME

Morning clings to the window like a wet moth.
Her face assembles slowly in the light.
She does not yawn or stretch,
watching sunshine drip a puddle on the floor.
Her elbow speaks to him of coffee,
shaving & work, but he is dead again,
twisted lightly in the sheets.
The coffeepot machine-guns the bedroom door.
She calls & waits for the collision of calm eyes,
for the practical exchange of kiss & kiss
the smooth interplay of plate & cup.
The clock strains & sukats upon the wall.
His footsteps stab the careful silence.
The wounds flap open & bleed.
She dabs & pours the coffee.
The day cracks open like an egg.

by Syndy Bessey

WAY DOWN DEEP

Way down deep in the sea
Just the fish, Octopus, and me.
Little tiny tropical fish
Eaten by the blue whale's siss.

What a pretty little sea horse
Seaweed is your second course.
The storekeeper is a mermaid
With little rocks she gets paid.

Here comes a shark,
Coming to the deep, deep, dark.
Here comes the rain, pitter-patter
It doesn't come down here so what does it matter?

I have to leave now, but I love it here,

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BY : Denise Noble 6A

SHORT STORY WINNERS- DENISE

NEWSPAPER CLIPPING TERROR

As Nanu walked up the steps to the old abandoned mansion, that his friends Ted and Mark dared him to go up to the attic of, he wondered if anything strange would happen to him in the mansion. Nanu turned the rusty handle of the door and walked in, As he looked around the dusty, cobwebbed, furniture it seemed to him that a ghost had been living there for thousands of years. Nanu crept up the stairs one by one making sure not to make a single sound. Even though he tried to walk so softly each and every stair creeked under his weight. Waiting for everyone of the steps to settle he moved on trusting his common sense. Finally he reached the attic door, scared to death he shut his eyes, opened tha attic door, and walked in. He opened his eyes and looked around. He relaxed when he saw that it was full of trunks and boxes and not like most attics that he had heard about and saw in the movies. He started rummaging around since he had to stay in there for half an hour. He looked behind a box and found an old scrap of newspaper. Here's what it looked like as he read it:

Courier Leader

Oct. 29, 1970

UNEXPLAINED TERROR STRIKES IN THE VILLAGE OF PAW PAW

On Saturday, Mr. Nanu Jonestone and his wife Elizabeth were killed helplessly in their home on Main Street, luckily their children Nancy and Douglas were not hurt, they were in bed at the time. They were killed by some unknown terror. Mr. Fred Livingston caught a glimpse of the terror. Here's what Mr. Livingston has to tell about the creature. "It was a horrible thing. It was no wild animal, no siree, I know an animal when I see one. I work at a zoo. It had shaggy stripes at the bottom of it. It was an awful shade of red.

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Poetry Winners - continued - Linda

POEM by: Linda S. Krajewski

He was just a child and left behind
Want of the streets in his hungry mind
Desire for a new life wriggled like a snake
No one to decide the chances he'd take.
He broke the locks and danced away free
Grabbed a piece of life too quickly
Taking it all just as life's fun
But then he started at what he'd done.
He took it and loved it and gave it a name
And through his eyes the world didn't look the same.
The sun shone brighter as he held his child
He dreamed of them, alone, growing free, growing wild
But she was snatched from his arms, from somewhere she cried
He fought to keep her, while the child in him died.
A broken-hearted man, plunging ahead
Something held him down and back like lead
Her laughter, her smiles, haunted his sleep
A baby forever had his heart to keep.
Yet he drove to the front, remembering the little hand
That reached for his and helped make him a man
The chimes in her crib, the brightness they played
The eyes of the one who needed him each day
The words of love that were all she knew
And a tiny voice saying "Peekaboo! "
The sun shone brighter as he held his child
He dreamed of them, alone, growing free, growing wild
But she was snatched from his arms, from somewhere she cried
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NEWSPAPER CLIPPING TERROR Cont.

It's eyes were so close together that I'd swear that they were stuck together, and the right one was upside down. The 2 front teeth were as black as muck. There were 2 flowers that were wrinkled on them they said, "Growing With America." Do you think it's a threat, that it will come back?

In the past years this has been happening annually every 5 years. This first time, we have actually gotten a description of the thing. If someone happens to read this in 1975 take care on Oct. 29th.

Nanu stared in horror. That was his grandpa and grandma, they were talking, his last name is Jonestone. The child that had survived was his younger brother and not his grandma ans grandpa's boy, and the girl was his cousin. Nanu decided not to tell anyone. If he could not live with us conscience which he was sure he could he wouldn't tell anyone. Besides he had seen some policeman guarding the block, so they must have known about it anyway, but what if it struck in another part of Paw Paw. Maybe your house. Nanu couldn't stand it any longer. He dropped the scrap and ran out of the mansion not stopping once, but as he ran the thought kept coming to his mind and he couldn't get it out. THIS is the year 1975, Oct. 29th.

Denise Noble
Section 6A

MINI-MYSTERY WINNER-TOM

MINI MYSTERY

It was a fine August day when Super Slueth arrived at the scene of the crime, the death of Mr. Appleby. Mr. Jackson had found the body and when he was asked how he found the body, he reliped, "Last might me ans Mr. Appleby were having a friendly debate about the exsistence of U.F.O.'s Around 7:00 he announced he was tried and was going to bed. I went home, turned on the TV and went to bed at 10:00. I awoke at 8:30 the next day, and was eating breakfast, when around 9:00 I heard a buzzing next door. I walked over to see if anything was wrong. I knocked, but no one answered. The door was open so I walked in. I went to the bedroom, and there he was dead with a knife in his back and his alarm clock ringing furiously, That's all I can tell you."

"You can tell me one more thing," said the dectective.

"What is that?" asked Jackson.

"The truth." answered Super Slueth.

"If you're accusing me of killing Mr. Appleby, " replied Jackson, "You'll need proof."

"I have proof," announced Super Slueth. A look of terror came into Mr. Jackson's eyes. He ran out of the room only to be grabbed by ywo policemen.

"Now, " said Super Slueth, "Tell me everything you know."

What was Super Slueth's proof?

Answer

He set the alarm at 7:00 p.m., so the alarm should have went off at 9:00 p.m. not at 9:00 a.m.

B.B. SEASON FINISHES WITH A WIN

The last two P.P. games were thrillers. The first one was over at Lawrence. At regulation time, the score was 37-37. We ended up losing 39-37 with about 30 seconds left.

Over here against Otsego, we really gave it all we had for the last game. It was a romp over Otsego 51-19. Paw Paw led all the way. It wasn't even close.

I just want to thank all those who came to our games and supported our school.

by Doug

RED & WHITE - FIGHT, FIGHT!

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